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In re Application of  
Edward T. Buford III  
Application No. 09/912,692  
Filed: July 26, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. 27.385

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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 28, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A Notice of Non-Compliance was mailed on November 22, 2004. The Notice indicated that the Amendment filed April 29, 2004 was considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, June 30, 2003). Petitioner was given a time period of one (1) month or thirty (30) days from the mailing date of the notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment of the application. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 23, 2004.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137 (b) in that (1) the reply in the form of an Amendment (filed May 12, 2005); (2) the petition fee; (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the petition filed November 28, 2005 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3229.

The application matter is being referred to Technology Center 1700, Art Unit 1744 for further processing.

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